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BOARD MEETING

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SUMMARY: U.S.-YUGOSLAV JOINT BOARD CONCLUDED MEETINGS LATE
JULY 20 WITH AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE ON U.S. PROJECT LIST I AND
NUMBER OF OTHER PROJECTS LISTED UNDER "PENDING/AMENDMENTS" IN
U.S. SUBMISSION. ALSO OBTAINED AGREEMENT FOR RELEASE OF
1973 INCREMENT FOR AGREED PROJECTS AS INSTRUCTED. DRAFT ADMINIS-
TRATIVE PROCEDURES WERE FURTHER AMENDED TO PROVIDE FOR GRANT
PROCEDURE, PROBLEM OF FINANCING TRAVEL COST NOTES AND TREASURER

WAS GIVEN DISCRETIONARY AUTHORITY TO DETERMINE APPROPRIATE ACCOUNTS
FOR JOINT FUND SUBJECT TO GUIDANCE OF BOARD. END SUMMARY.

1. BOARD MET AGAIN JULY 19 AND 20 AFTER WGD KING GROUP COMPLETED
PRELIMINARY REVIEW OF PROJECTS. AT JULY 20 MEETING BOARD TOOK
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FOLLOWING ACTIONS:

A. PROJECT REVIEWS: AFTER REVIEWING COMPLETE PROJECT SUBMISSION PREPARED BY U.S. SIDE ON THE BASIS OF WASHINGTON INTER-AGENCY MEETING OF JULY 13, BOARD AGREED IN PRINCIPLE AND SUBJECT TO THE AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS, TO ALL PROJECTS ON LIST I AND PROJECTS LISTED UNDER PROJECTS PENDING/AMENDMENTS IN U.S. SUBMISSION WITH EXCEPTIONS NOTED ON THE DOCUMENT DATED JULY 16, 1973. U.S. SIDE MADE IT CLEAR THAT THIS ACTION DID NOT CONSTITUTE A COMMITMENT UNDER PARA 6 OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES, (REFTEL) U.S. SIDE ALSO MADE IT CLEAR THAT IT WOULD BE NECESSARY TO TAKE FORMAL VOTE ON ALL PROJECTS AT THE FALL MEETING OF THE BOARD.

B. 1973 RELEASES: AS INSTRUCTED BY DEPARTMENT, U.S. SIDE SOUGHT AND OBTAINED AGREEMENT TO THE RELEASE OF THE 1973 INCREMENTS FOR THE AGREED PROJECTS ON LIST I AND THE FOLLOWING 1973 INCREMENTS ON PROJECTS LISTED UNDER PENDING/AMENDMENTS IN U.S. SUBMISSION:

(1) HEW: VESTIBULAR INFLUENCES ON CEREBRAL ACTIVITY (NIH 02-023-1) IN THE AMOUNT OF ND 333,000.

(2) HEW: THE FUNCTION AND BIOSYNTHESIS OF RIBOSOMES (02-020-1) IN THE AMOUNT OF ND 312,625.

(3) USDI: NICKEL AND LOW-GRADE ORES IN THE AMOUNT OF NC 300,000.

(4) USDI: USE OF LIGNITE IN THE AMOUNT OF ND 475,000.

(5) SMITHSONIAN: CONFERENCE ON MARINE INVERTEBRATE LARVAE IN THE AMOUNT OF ND 260,000.

(6) SMITHSONIAN: EXCAVATIONS IN DIOCLETIAN PALACE, SPLIT IN THE AMOUNT OF ND 691,400.

TOTAL RELEASES FOR 1973 AMOUNTED TO ND 27,135,610. AS DEPARTMENT IS AWARE HEW, USDI, SMI PROJECTS REQUIRED FUNDS URGENTLY. BOARD APPROVAL OF RELEASES FOR NBS PROJECTS WAS CONDITIONAL IN LINE WITH PARA 4, STATE 139847.

C. DOT: AFTER PROLONGED DISCUSSION REGARDING DOT PROJECT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ON MOTOR VEHICLE NOISE REDUCTION, BOTH SIDES AGREED THAT DOT SHOULD MAKE GRANT OF \$50,000 TO FUND FOR THIS PROJECT IN ACCORDANCE WITH ALTERNATIVE (A) CONTAINED IN PARA 1(B) OF STATE 123996. DOT RELEASE FOR 1973 AMOUNTS TO ND 400,000.

D. EPA: DUS SIDE PRESENTED PROPOSAL CONTAINED STATE 142292 RE ANNIVERSARY CRUISE OF THE VILA VELEBITA. YUGOSLAV SIDE NOTED THAT YUGOSLAVS WOULD HAVE TO CONSULT THEIR INSTITUTES.

E. ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES: AT REQUEST OF U.S. SIDE DRAFT ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES WERE FURTHER AMENDED TO PROVIDE FOR GRANT PROCEDURES. FOLLOWING LANGUAGE APPROVED:

"FOLLOWING JOINT BOARD AUTHORITY FOR THE OBLIGATION AND EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS AGAINST THE JOINT FUND, THE COOPERATING U.S. AGENCY WILL PREPARE A GRANT DOCUMENT FOR SIGNATURE BY THE AUTHORIZED JOINT BOARD OFFICIALS. UPON COMPLETION OF THE GRANT DOCUMENT, THE JOINT BOARD TREASURER WILL DISBURSE THE FUNDS TO THE GRANTEE."

IN VIEW OF THIS AGREED PROCEDURE APPROPRIATE AGENCIES IN WASHINGTON SHOULD PREPARE IMMEDIATELY NECESSARY GRANT DOCUMENTS FOR SUBMISSION TO BOARD VIA EMBASSY BELGRADE FOR 1973 INCREMENTS FOR PROJECTS ON LIST I AND THOSE PROJECTS LISTED IN PARAGRAPH B.(1) THROUGH (6), ABOVE.

F. BANKING ARRANGEMENTS: AFTER BRIEF DISCUSSION, DURING WHICH IT WAS NOTED THAT ONLY ABOUT SEVEN MILLION NEW DINARS WOULD REMAIN IN THE JOINT FUND AFTER ABOVE-DESCRIBED 1973 RELEASES ARE MADE (PENDING NEW GRANTS TO FUND BY US AGENCIES), BOARD INSTRUCTED TREASURER TO USE HIS DISCRETION ON TYPE OF ACCOUNT IN WHICH FUNDS SHOULD BE DEPOSITED, BEARING IN MIND NEED TO MAXIMIZE INTEREST EARNINGS AND REQUIREMENT TO MEET EXPENDITURES, SUBJECT TO GUIDANCE OF THE BOARD.

G. TRAVEL COSTS: THROUGHOUT PROJECT REVIEWS IT WAS POINTED OUT THAT SOME PROJECTS CONTAINED PROVISION FOR TRAVEL BY AMERCHERY WHILE OTHERS DO NOT. IT WAS AGREED THAT SOME MEANS WOULD HAVE TO BE FOUND TO FINANCE ESSENTIAL TRAVEL. NO SOLUTION, HOWEVER, WAS EVIDENT WITH POSSIBLE EXCEPTION OF USE OF INTEREST EARNINGS FOR THIS PURPOSE.
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H. PROTOCOL: BOTH SIDES AGREED TO GENERAL CONTENT OF PROTOCOL OR MINUTES. THEY WILL BE FORWARDED TO THE DEPARTMENT WHEN COMPLETED.

2. EMBASSY COMMENT: MEETINGS WENT VERY WELL INDEED. AS INDICATED EARLIER BOARD PROBLEMS WERE SUBSTANTIAL BECAUSE TOO MANY PROJECTS HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED BY U.S. AGENCIES WITHOUT PROPER CONSIDERATION OF FUNDING LIKELY TO BE AVAILABLE. ACCORDING TO U.S. FIGURES THE TOTAL VALUE OF AGREED PROJECTS AMOUNTS TO ND 172.6-MILLION, BUT THIS FIGURE IS SUBJECT TO ADJUSTMENT AFTER RECONCILIATION OF PROJECT TOTALS WITH FAISECTC. IN PREPARATION FOR A FORMAL COMMITMENT ON A NUMBER OF PROJECTS AT THE FALL BOARD MEETING, IT SEEMS TO US THAT ALL U.S. AGENCIES SHOULD BE REQUESTED TO REVIEW ALL PROJECTS WITH A VIEW TO REDUCING COSTS OR OTHERWISE EFFECTING SAVINGS. THIS SEEMS ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT IN VIEW OF THE

UNCERTANITY REGARDING THE FINANCING OF TRAVEL COSTS.

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